

HEY,  
DID YOU SEE THE  
HEROINES' COMEBACK  
PERFORMANCE  
YESTERDAY?

**OF COURSE!!  
MY GOD---! I NEVER  
THOUGHT THEY'D GO FOR  
A SEXY CONCEPT!!**

TCH  
I PREFERRED  
THEIR DEBUT  
CONCEPT...

**WHAT?!  
THEY'RE WAY  
BETTER NOW!!**

TCH

**BANG**



ARGH--  
THESE GUYS HAVE  
SUCH BAD TASTE!!  
DON'T YOU  
THINK?!!



UH\_  
WHAT\_?

WHAT ARE THE  
HEROINES..?



...NEVERMIND HIM...  
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN  
HIM TALK ABOUT TV?

EH?  
SO YOU REALLY  
DON'T WATCH  
TV?!

HE  
DOESN'T WATCH TV-  
DOESN'T DRINK- UGH---  
AS EXPECTED OF THE  
MASTER OF TIGHTNESS,  
EH?!

HAHA...



MRS. PE...!



*MRS. PENTOMINO?!!*

**DUN DUN**



MRS.  
PENTOMINO,  
I'M YOUR  
BIGGEST  
FAN!!

PLEASE  
GIVE ME YOUR  
AUTOGRAPH!!

I LOVE YOU  
I LOVE YOU!!

YOU  
BRATS...

WHAT'S  
THE USE OF A  
AUTOGRAPH?!

I'M GOING TO  
FRAME IT IN GOLD  
AND STICK IT ON  
MY FRONT DOOR!!

WAAAAHAAAA

OH—  
YOU MUST BE PROUD,  
MR. HEIR—!



REALIZING  
THAT THE WOOD WE  
ALL THOUGHT WAS JUST  
A WEED EXPLODES WHEN  
FORMED IN A LINE.



AND  
NOT ONLY THAT,  
BUT SHE SUCCEEDED  
IN CULTIVATING IT,  
AND CREATED THE GAME  
«TIGHTNESS» ALL ON  
HER OWN.

AND  
RESISTING THE  
GUARDIANS' ATTEMPTS  
TO MONOPOLIZE IT!  
ISN'T IT AMAZING?!

HAHA...  
YEAH, SHE'S QUITE  
SOMETHING...

HAHA...  
BUT I THINK  
YOU'RE AMAZING  
TOO.

I MEAN,  
I'M SURE YOU HAVE A  
LOT OF THINGS YOU WANT TO TRY,  
AND HAVE A LOT OF PRESSURE,  
BUT YOU'RE ENDURING ALL  
OF THAT, RIGHT?

**FWIP**





GOOD LUCK,  
MR. SECOND  
GENERATION.

ASPRING GOTVG

SINCERE

HAHA...



YEAH...



STAGE 81 - THE SEEDS OF DOUBT

**CLICK**



CREAK...



...YOU'RE  
LATE.

**HISSSS**

A cartoon illustration of a white cat with a blue bow and a red collar, sitting on a white surface and hissing. The background is dark brown with a blue and orange shape on the left.

WERE  
YOU DRINKING  
YESTERDAY?

FLINCH

N-NO!  
OF COURSE  
NOT...

...WHEN  
YOU BECOME A  
FULL-FLEDGED MASTER,  
NO ONE WILL SAY ANYTHING  
NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
YOU DRINK OR  
SHOKE.



FORGET ABOUT  
ALL OF THAT  
UNTIL THEN.

LET'S  
BEGIN TODAY'S  
TRAINING.

**CRACKLE**





**HUFF...**



**AH!**

**BUMP**

**UGH..!!**

**CRASH**



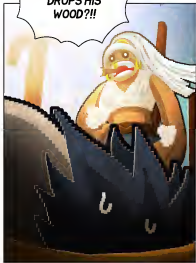
**WRONG!!**

**HUFF**

**HUFF**



**WHAT KIND  
OF PERSON  
DROPS HIS  
WOOD?!!**



**100 MORE  
REPS OF LOWER  
BODY TRAINING  
FROM TODAY!!**

**YES...**







...THIS  
IS JUST A  
WEED.



SO YOU  
STILL CAN'T  
CULTIVATE  
ANY.

HUN?I BUT I-I-I  
I KEPT WATERING  
IT.



**I REALLY  
TRIED MY  
BE...!!**

**SILENCE!!!**

**THW ACK**

A cartoon illustration showing a character being crushed by a large, brown, textured rock. The character is on the left, partially obscured by the rock. The rock is on the right, with a large crack running through it. The background is a light blue sky with a few white clouds. The text 'THW ACK' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines, positioned at the bottom of the image.

**WOOD  
ISN'T AN EASY  
TREE!!**



**IT  
IS A MYSTICAL  
CREATURE THAT  
SHARES PEOPLE'S  
CORDIALITY.**



**IF YOU REALLY  
CARED ABOUT WOOD,  
IT WOULD'VE GROWN EVEN IF  
YOU GAVE IT RUBBISH  
INSTEAD OF WATER!!**



**ARE YOU  
EVEN TAKING THIS  
SERIOUSLY?!!**



**I'M  
SORRY...**

...TOMORROW IS THE  
DAY WE TRAIN EARLY  
IN THE MORNING.

STEP

**DON'T MAKE  
ME FEEL LIKE I'M  
CULTIVATING  
JUST A WEED.**





...WHAT RE  
YOU LOOKING  
AT...?



**I THOUGHT  
I TOLD YOU TO  
PISS OFF!!**

**BANG**

**AH,  
IT'S DIFFERENT  
THIS TIME!!**



**PLEASE  
HEAR ME  
OUT!!**

**FLAP**



**THIS TIME  
IT ISN'T A PARTNERSHIP.  
YOU JUST NEED TO SHARE  
THE TECHNOLOGY  
BEHIND WOOD!!**



**IF YOU  
JUST GIVE  
US INFORMATION,  
WE'LL DO THE  
REST!!**

**AND WE'LL  
EVEN DOUBLE  
OUR OFFER...!!**

**...THAT'S  
WHAT I DON'T  
LIKE ABOUT  
IT.**





YOU CALL  
YOURSELVES GUARDIANS.  
AND ALL YOU TALK ABOUT  
IS MONEY. MONEY. MONEY...  
AND YOU JUST WANT TO  
BUY ME WITH THE MONEY  
AND USE ME

THERE WOULD BE  
MORE PEOPLE COMING  
IF YOU TAKE IT?  
HOW IS THAT GOOD  
FOR ME?

IF YOU WANT  
TO PRETEND TO BE  
SOME MESSIAH.  
STOP COMING  
HERE.



HA...HAHA...  
MRS. PENTOMINO...

***FLICKER***

IT SEEMS  
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THIS,  
BUT THE GUARDIANS ARE A  
MUCH MORE POWERFUL  
ORGANIZATION THAN  
YOU THINK...



**FLICKER**

THERE WILL BE  
PLENTY OF OTHER GAMES  
THAT WANT TO JOIN US.

THERE'S NO  
NEED TO ACT LIKE  
THAT TOWARDS US,  
JUST BECAUSE YOU  
DESIGNED A HALF  
DECENT GAME...

**FLICKER**

.....

IF OUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
GETS SOUR,  
IT MIGHT EVEN  
BE...

AH, AS I  
THOUGHT.

CLENCH



A hand with pink and blue fingers is shown rubbing a person's shoulder. The person's skin is a light tan color, and they are wearing a dark blue sleeve. The background is a solid light tan color.

YOUR  
SHOULDER LOOKS  
TENSE.

**RUB RUB**

PEOPLE END UP  
SAYING THE STRANGEST  
THINGS WHEN THEY'RE  
STRESSED OUT FROM  
WORKING OVERTIME.



AH,  
NICE TO MEET  
YOU.



I AM  
CALLED  
CONTINUE.

R&D DEPT  
SENIOR RESEARCHER

CONTINUE

DUN DUN





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